

Mayor: H. Craig Petersen

TO: Logan Municipal Council

FROM: Mayor H. Craig Petersen

DATE: May 20, 2014

RE: New Board Appointment

At the May 20, 2014 council meeting, I will request ratification of the following new appointment.

Planning Commission – Four Year Term

Maybell Romero – New Appointment

Thank you.



APPLICATION FOR PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

Application deadline is **FEBRUARY 21, 2014**. Please return this application to the Logan City Offices, 290 North 100 West, Logan, UT 84321 or email it to Mike DeSimone at mike.desimone@loganutah.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike DeSimone at (435) 716-9022 or mike.desimone@loganutah.org

Name Maybell Romero

Address 550 East 600 North

Phone 435-752-3551 Cell 435-227-5008

Email maybellr@gmail.com

How long have you lived in Logan City eight years

What has been your involvement in the community Please see attached resume.

Why are you interested in serving on the Logan City Planning Commission I've always

had a keen interest in public service, and as I've served in the Neighborhood Council

I've found the issues of long-range planning in Logan to be fascinating. I love Logan,

and I want to do everything I can to make it an even better place.

What specific skills, abilities and qualities will you bring to enhance the effectiveness of the Commission As an attorney, not only do I serve as an advocate for my clients, but I am

primarily a problem solver. Practicing law demands the ability to work well with others,

to think creatively to formulate solutions to different problems, and to analytically weigh

the pros and cons of every situation. I believe I also get along well with a diverse range of people and am effective at listening to and acknowledging their concerns.

List three (3) issues relating to planning and development you consider to be important that the City should address, and briefly outline your concern and position on each issue

1. Walkability: New projects and buildings should be inviting and welcoming not only to those who

are using them, but to neighbors and passersby, too. We need to emphasize attractive storefronts

and sidewalks that will make residents want to get out of their cars.

2. Traffic and transit: Traffic in Logan and throughout Cache Valley has been heavy and is only

worsening. I believe that in if additional density, both business and residential, is focused around

existing public transit routes, public transit use would increase.

3. Preserve the character of neighborhoods while encouraging business: While I believe that protecting

single family neighborhoods is important, I also believe that growing business through attractive mixed use* (see

What do you believe is the main role of the Planning Commission The Planning Commission's below)

main role is to serve as an advisory board to the City Council on matters of development and zoning.

The Planning Commissions serves an important role of offering citizen based and led input to the

City Council.

Logan City Planning Commission

The Planning Commission consists of seven (7) members who are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council. Members must reside in Logan City.

The Commission meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. until business concludes. A bus tour is generally provided at 4:30 (prior to each meeting) to tour the sites on the agenda. Members receive compensation of \$25 per meeting.

All necessary authorities pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 10 Utah Code Annotated and Logan Municipal Code Chapter 2.40 have been conferred on the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission is established as a non-political planning body for the purposes of both long range planning and current development review. The duties of the Planning Commission are generally as follows:

- General Plan review and recommendation to City Council
- Land Development Code review and recommendation to City Council
- Zoning Ordinance and Map review and recommendation to City Council
- Subdivision review and recommendation to City Council
- Conditional Use and Design Review Permitting

*development is possible and should be explored.

Maybell Romero

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Education

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall), Berkeley, California

J.D., 2006

Activities: Editor in Chief (2005-2006), Managing Editor (2004-2005), Boalt Journal of Criminal Law; Associate Editor (2004 – 2005), Berkeley Journal of International Law; Board Member (2004 – 2005), Boalt Criminal Law Association; McBaine Honors Moot Court Competition Participant (2005).

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

B.A. in English, B.A. in Government, minor in Law and Society, 2003

Honors: Dean's List, Spring 2003

Activities: Undergraduate Representative, Codes and Judicial Committee (2001 – 2003); employed both as a research assistant to Prof. Edgar Rosenberg of the English Department and at the Cornell University Law Library to offset educational expenses.

Experience

Harris, Preston & Chambers, Logan, Utah

Associate, 2009 – present

General practice focused on civil litigation, criminal defense, family and domestic law, bankruptcy, and employment law both in state and federal courts. Legal experience at all stages of litigation, including discovery, motions, hearings, mediation, depositions, trials, and appellate briefs. Currently assigned as Public Defender in First District Juvenile Mental Health Court and Alternate Public Defender in First District Court.

Rich County Attorney's Office, Randolph, Utah

Deputy County Attorney, 2010 – 2014

Criminal prosecutor representing the state of Utah. Vertical prosecution of cases ranging from infractions to felonies in state juvenile, justice, and district courts including screening and filing charges, arraignments and pretrial matters, motion practice, trials, sentencing, and advising law enforcement on investigations and procedural issues. Also provide advice to different county offices regarding civil matters, such as drafting of ordinances and reviewing contracts.

Cache County Attorney's Office, Logan, Utah

Deputy County Attorney, 2006 – 2009

Criminal prosecutor representing the state of Utah. Vertical prosecution of cases ranging from infractions to felonies in state juvenile, justice, and district courts including screening and filing charges, arraignments and pretrial matters, motion practice, trials, and sentencing and advising law enforcement on investigations and procedural issues.

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California

Law Clerk, Summer 2005

Work with and assist criminal prosecutors in the Family Violence Division. Appear in court to conduct preliminary hearings and argue motions. Prepare written motions, responses and other documents for submission to court, including penalty phase trial memoranda.

Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, San Jose, California

Law Clerk, Summer 2004

Work with and assist criminal prosecutors in the Children and Elder Abuse Unit. Prepared written motions and responses, and drafted research memoranda.

Professional Affiliations, Community Service, and Foreign Language Skills

Admitted to Utah State Bar and U.S. District Court for the District of Utah (Bar No. 11270)
Commissioner, First District Court Judicial Nominating Commission (2012 – present)
Member, Advisory Committee on the Rules of Juvenile Procedure (2013 – present)
Board Member, Utah State Board of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (2013 – present)
Board Member, Friends of the First Judicial District Drug Court (2013 – present)
Board Member, Whispering Canyons Foundation (2014 – present)
President, Cache County Bar Association (2013 – 2014)
Neighborhood Representative for Adams Neighborhood, Logan Neighborhood Council (2013 – 2016)
Republican Precinct Chair and State Delegate, Logan 15th Precinct (2014 – 2016)
Member, Utah State Bar Examiner Committee (2007 – 2012)
Member, Rotary Club of Logan, Utah
Member, Utah Minority Bar Association
Member, J. Reuben Clark Law Society
Member, Cache County Republican Women
Volunteer, Intermountain Homecare/Healthcare Hospice
Volunteer Counsel, Multicultural Center of Cache Valley
Reading, Writing, and Speaking Fluency in Spanish